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Preliminary Amendment

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REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are canceled hereby and replaced with new claims 10-23. Pages 3, 4, and 7 of the specification have been amended to address informalities. Applicant submits that no new matter is added hereby.

Claims 10-23 correspond to those being prosecuted in U.S. Patent Application No. 08/765,836 at the time of its abandonment. These new claims have been rewritten in a manner that address the concerns raised in the Office Action dated March 7, 2002. Applicants submit that claims 10-23 are now both in allowable form and in condition for allowance and hereby respectfully request the allowance thereof.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments that would speed prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 260/485-6001.

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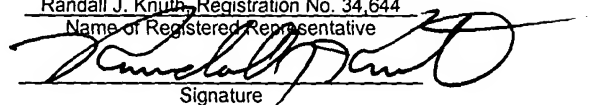
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